

### REMARKS


Claims 1-13 are pending in this application. Applicants herewith elect, without traverse, Group I, claims 1-7, 11, and 12, drawn to a method for detecting disseminated tumor cells from a body fluid.

Applicants herewith withdraw the non-elected claims. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to non-elected subject matter. With the entry of this amendment, claims 1-7, 11 and 12 will be active in this case. Applicants respectfully request examination of the instant application on the merits in due course.

Respectfully submitted,

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